



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 7111

House of Representatives, April 5, 2007

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS, P. of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING ON-LINE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR NURSES,
PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS AND DENTISTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-88 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (g) On or before July 1, 2008, the Department of Public
4 Health shall establish and implement a secure on-line license renewal
5 system for persons holding a license to practice medicine or surgery
6 under chapter 370, nursing under chapter 378 or dentistry under
7 chapter 379. The department shall allow any such person who renews
8 his or her license using the on-line license renewal system to pay his or
9 her professional service fees on-line by means of a credit card or
10 electronic transfer of funds from a bank or credit union account and
11 may charge such person a service fee not to exceed five dollars for any
12 such on-line payment made by credit card or electronic funds transfer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-88
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PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	1,642,000	340,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish an on-line license renewal system for physicians, nurses and dentists by 7/1/08. The agency will incur an FY 08 cost of approximately \$1.64 million to implement the system within this timeframe. This includes

One-time costs of purchasing/developing new web based licensure application and database system	\$1,000,000
One-time consultant charges related to staff training	362,000
Department of Information Technology (DoIT) hosting fees	180,000
Software license/maintenance fees	50,000
Conveyance Fees (re: processing credit card payments)	50,000
Total - Year 1 Costs	\$1,642,000

An FY 09 cost of \$340,000 would be incurred, associated with ongoing DoIT hosting, license/maintenance, and conveyance fees as well as second year consultant charges (\$60,000). Commencing in FY 10, costs would fall to \$280,000 annually as the consultant services would no longer be required.

It should be noted that HB 7077 (the Governor's recommended FY 08 - FY 09 Biennial Budget), includes \$1.17 million in FY 09 to support costs of initiating implementation of an on-line licensure system.

The Out Years***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost*	280,000	288,400	297,052

Note: GF=General Fund

*FY 11 and FY 12 figures have been adjusted for inflation at a rate of 3%

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 7111*****AN ACT CONCERNING ON-LINE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR
NURSES, PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS AND DENTISTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish, by July 1, 2008, a secure on-line license renewal system for physicians, surgeons, dentists, and nurses. Nurses include advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses.

DPH must allow those using the on-line system to pay their fees by credit card or electronic funds transfer from a bank or credit union account. It allows DPH to charge a service fee of up to \$5 for payments made in this manner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/21/2007)